

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the February Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper  
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller  
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt  
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**SUBJECT: Columbia Insurance Group Final Development Plan**

Jim Cunningham, legal representative for Columbia Insurance Group said that during the Planning & Zoning process, questions had been raised regarding the proposed landscaping for the Columbia Insurance Group corporate offices. Mr. Cunningham said the land was originally native prairie, and their plan would return it to its natural state of short and tall prairie grasses. Perennial wildflowers will be planted around the building and he said that beyond being attractive and providing wildflowers in bloom three seasons of the year, it would also recreate what was here. The property will be available, he said, for students to see what sort of a state the land is in.

John Weston, 105 West Green Meadows, Columbia, showed a map of the area and identified it as the Two Mile Prairie area following the 63 corridor. Right now, he said, the land is in tall fescue. It's green, he said, but has no ecological or wildlife value. Mr. Weston showed slides of the wildflowers they proposed to plan.

Mr. Cunningham said that it makes economic sense to plant flowers already adapted tot his climate that would not require herbicides or pesticides to maintain. The landscape, he said, will be ecologically cleansing.

Commissioner Stamper thanked Columbia Insurance for their presentation and said that due to the nature of their business and the way the company handles itself, they would set a good example for the 63 corridor. He said the Commission had never been taken through such an intention statement as shown with their slide show and he thanked them for their thoughtfulness and detail.

Planning & Building Inspections Director Stan Shawver said that Columbia Insurance Group has complied with the conditions previously placed by the County Commission by providing a traffic analysis. They have identified some additional things to be done, he said, but they are several years from construction with plenty of time to realize those improvements.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone receive, accept and approve the final development plan for Columbia Insurance Group and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the plan.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 101-98.**

**SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit for Transmission Tower**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the attached Conditional Use Permit for Transmission Tower and Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Grant, and Conditions of Approval of Conditional Use Permit Issued March 5, 1997 to William B. Dometrorch and Shelly J. Dometrorch (the property owners) and Nextel West Corp. (the lessee/operator).

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 102-98.**

**SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report for December 1997**

Treasurer Kay Murray gave the treasurer's report for December 1997

**SUBJECT: Approval of Audit Engagement Letter for FY 1997 Audit**

Auditor June Pitchford presented an engagement letter with Williams Keepers LLP for an audit to commence for the fiscal year 1997. She said she had asked the Commission several months ago to see if the County should extend this agreement an additional year or go out on an RFP. The Commission, she said, concluded it was in the best interest of the County to extend the agreement.

Ms. Pitchford explained that the plan addresses every department on a rotation that is completed every four years. She said the auditors would probably be starting over with departments they had looked at four years ago.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve a letter of engagement between the County of Boone and Williams Keepers LLP for auditing services for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1997 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the letter of agreement and the purchase requisition for \$36,000.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 103-98.**

Commissioner Stamper reported that Planning & Zoning was needing another vehicle, but they wanted to keep the departments on a two-year vehicle rotation in order to maximize the vehicle's resale value. He said that he and Ms. Pitchford had been discussing different options for the department.

**SUBJECT: Assessor's Budget Revision for Computer Monitor**

Assessor Tom Schauwecker reported that an employee in his office has been diagnosed with a genetic disease that causes a loss of peripheral vision. With the help of Information Services Director Scott Monnig, he said, they had identified a computer monitor designed for the visually impaired.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the following budget revision:

Dept.	Account	Account Title	Transfer From	Transfer To
2010	92301	Replace Comp. Hdw.		\$750
2010	86800	Emergency	\$750	

Explanation: Replacement computer monitor for visually impaired employee.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 104-98.**

**SUBJECT: Vote to Hold a Closed Meeting Pursuant RSMo. 610.021 (1, 3)**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone hold a closed meeting immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 1998 in the Government Center Commission Chambers, 801 E. Walnut, Columbia, Missouri. The tentative agenda for the meeting includes discussion of legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.; and discussion of the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of an employee of a public governmental body pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 105-98.**

Commissioner Stamper reported that the closed meeting would involve a discussion of hiring above the base of the range.

**SUBJECT: Public Meeting Dates to Discuss Conceptual Development Plan for Katy Trail State Park**

Commissioner Stamper reported he had received notice from DNR stating their intent to hold public meetings to discuss the conceptual development plan for Katy Trail State Park.

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper said that the Sheriff, Auditor and Purchasing departments are evaluating a program to look at a more regimented cycling of major fleet vehicles.

Commissioner Stamper said there was some confusion on the Community Improvement Cooperative Agreements and asked Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams to bring those contracts be brought to Commission to be processed.

Commissioner Miller reported that the parking committee had met and tabled all requests pending the repairs to the Clark lot.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Karen M. Miller  
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt  
District II Commissioner